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The Uneven Work of Tribunals

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Hard Fight in the East-The Tribunals-C.N.R. Argument (By The Guide's Special Correspondent)

Ottawa, Nov. 23.-Interest at the capital this week has centred in the capital this week has centred in the election campaign, which, since nomi-nation day on Monday last, has got off to a good start. Sir Robert Borden and several of his colleagues have been touring western Ontario. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has remained in the capital, but dustries at home, while other tribunals have failed to draft young men who have no reasonable excuse for remaining at home. Laurier has remained in the capital, but will make his first speech in Ontario here on Tuesday next, after which he expects to leave for Winnipeg. Hon. Frank Carvell and Hon. A. K. Maclean have made a flying trip up from the Maritime provinces and have returned. cropped up on account of the uneven work of the tribunals has been in regard to agriculture. In some districts, where the applications of unmarried farmers under 34 years of age and the sons of farmers have been heard, the members of the tribunals have exercised Maritime provinces and have returned. They will probably confine their efforts to the Atlantic coast provinces, where, according to reports reaching the 'capi-tal, an old time fight very much on party lines is in progress. The expec-tation entertained until a few days before nominations, that the parties in Nova Scotia would be able to get to-orther and practically avoid a contest. reasonable discretion and have not drafted men who should remain on the soil. In other districts quite the reverse has been the case, and decisions have been made which directly conflict with gether and practically avoid a contest, has not materialized. The election of Hon. W. S. Fielding to his old seat of the national need of increased produc-tion. Farmers in some cases have been Hon. W. S. Fielding to his old seat of Queens-Shelburn by acclamation ap-pears to be about all the get-together effort the Nova Scotians were able to accomplish. The down east ministers when here frankly declared that the fight in the Maritime provinces is a warm one. They were hopeful that the Unionists would carry the day by a considerable margin. Liberals, on the other hand, assert with seeming con-fidence. that they will have a majority told to sell out ond report for duty in two or three months. Many others have heen granted temporary exemption un-til the spring months. In other words they will be compelled to don the khaki just when the rush of work commences on the farm at seeding time. Eastern newspapers are being flooded with let-ters of protest, many of the writers making reference to the speech made fidence, that they will have a majority of the 31 members sent to parliament by New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and

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Prince Edward Island. In Quebec the situation is much as was expected. Up to date Sir Wilfrid Laurier's followers, to the number of 13, have been elected by acelamation, and there are a few scats which are and there are a few scats which are not being contested by Unionist can-didates. The government claims that 10 Unionists will win out in the French Canadian provincy. The Liberals assert to the contrary that five Unionists at most will be elected, and perhaps not more than three. Some old campaigners would not be surprised to see the elec-tion night score stand at 58 liberals to 7 unionists, a Laurier majority of 51. 7 unionists, a Laurier majority of 51.

#### The Ontario Situation

There are 82 seats to be fought for in Ontario. Leaving the Maritime provinces out of consideration for the in Ontario. Leaving the Maritime provinces out of consideration for the moment and giving Laurier 58 seats in Quebec, the Ontario Unionists will have to elect 67 Unionists to overcome the Liberal majority in Quebec. Should the opposition candidates carry 20 On-tario seats, it is conceivable, with the Maratime provinces included in the calculation, that Easters Canada may break fairly even between the opposing forces. In the Unionist eamp it is frankly admitted that much dependence is being placed upon the west, where it is hoped three Unionists will be elected to one oppositionist, thereby giving the government a workable ma-jority. But speculation on probable election results is often more fas-cinating than reliable, and more than one thing might occur to upset calcu-lations. The Liberals might do worse than they expect in Quebec, which would be had for them, or the Unionists might do a little better or worse than they count on in Ontario. One thing can be truthfully said at present, so far as the East is concerned, and that is that neither the one side or the other appears to be over confident. This is chiefly due to the political cross-currents arising out of Union and un-certainty as to the popularity, or other-wise, of the Minitary Service Act. Those upon whose shoulders has fal-les the difficult task of administering the Military Service Act are Thving-lots of worry these days. Most of their

the Military Service Act are laving lots of worry these days. Most of their troubles are doubtless due to the un even work of the members of the 1,300 local tribunals who throughout the Do-minion are deciding who shall, and who shall not, go to the front. It would be impossible to expect a uniform polat of view from such a large number of pressile and much does not arrayil with people, and such does not prevail, with the result that exemptions are being granted in some districts and provinces

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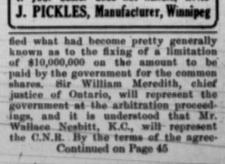
before the livestock gathering at Ottawa by Hon. T. A. Crerar, when he expressed the view that there should expressed the view that there should be no conscription of labor necessary to production. In one case a woman, in writing to the Toronto News, states that her husband is over 70 years of age, and that their only boy has been ordered to report for duty with the result that the farm of 100 acres will be due next year. 1,12 which would not be granted in others. Tribunals in some cases have been too zealous in providing men for the firing line to the detriment of essential inlie idle next year.

The situation was dealt with this week by Sir Robert Borden, who, in a lengthy statement issued to the press, explained how persons who think their applications have not been properly dealt with can lodge an appeal with the military registrar, which will be heard later on The prime minister also stated later on. The prime minister also stated that the militia department woud ap-peal from the decisions of the tribunals in all cases treated with undue leniency

in all cases treated with undue lemency A not unexpected development is the charge made by Ontario newspapers that the tribunals in Quebec province are exercising such undue lemency, with the result that but very few men will be provided for the firing line. In reply to this accusation, a Montreal judge today said that while it was true a large number of exemptions had been granted, they were in a majority of cases only temporary. cases only temporary.

#### The C.N.R. Agreement

The formal announcement was made this week of the terms of the agree-ment between the government and the C.N.R. in regard to the arbitration proceedings to settle the value of the 600,000 shares of C.N.R. stock to be acquired by the government. It veri-



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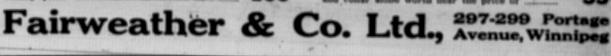
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